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WORKERS RESTORE BLAST FURNACES -- Hwanghae Nodong Sinmun, 24 Jun 49

Like all industrial establishments in North Korea, the Hwanghae Iron Works celebrated the third anniversary of the enactment of the Labor Law by working harder than usual. In shops where normal operation is already restored, production was increased. In other shops, the workers are tackling the gigantic task of building the parts destroyed by the Japanese.

The workers have improved the quality of products and economized on raw materials. In the pig-iron department they elected a committee in charge of comparing the finished products put out by different working teams. The purpose was to standardize products by comparison, and thereby to improve the quality. The committee formulated a standard working method, which improved the quality of products and economized on raw materials, fuel, and manpower. The resultant increase of pig iron output was considerable. The shop surpassed the second-quarter quota by 60 tons on 20 June, 10 days ahead of schedule.

The restoration of No 1 blast furnace is progressing rapidly. The groups are working on competitive basis in order to hasten the work. Among the workers restoring No 3 blast furnace, two have attained 200 percent of the individual working quota.

OPEN-HEARTH FURNACES COMPLETED -- Hwanghae Nodong Sinmun, 16 Jun 49

The repair of open-hearth furnaces is progressing rapidly in the Hwanghae Iron Works due to the enthusiasm, initiative, and ingenuity of workers and technicians. The No 3 and No 4 open-hearth furnaces were successfully completed on 6 June 1949.

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Furnaces No 1 and No 2 are still under repair. Workers in the steel department are storing up reserve coke to be ready for use in the event of a furnace breakdown.

The efficiency of the mechanical operation of coke furnaces is being improved to produce a maximum of coke with a minimum waste of coal. The production quota of coke for the first half of the year was completed on 8 June, and workers are now attempting to attain at least 126 percent of the quota by the end of June. The workers in the steel foundry are also making various kinds of mechanical improvements.

#### HOBIERY MILL WORKERS SURPASS QUOTAS -- Minju Ch'ongyon, 27 May 49

Eight teams of workers of the No 2 Pyongyang Hosiery Mill have attained a production average of 135 percent for May. Previously, the teams attained 130 percent of the May Day production quota during the period 15 April to 15 May. They are now striving to complete the quota for the second quarter of the year 12 days ahead of schedule, and at the same time, to economize by reducing the consumption of raw material as much as 10 percent.

Some of the outstanding individual quota attainments among the workers were 165 percent, 155, 138 and 135. A mechanic improved the efficiency of the weaving machine to 150 percent, which accounted for the production increase. The mill will have 20 additional skilled workers, including 6 three-machine operators, before the end of the second quarter.

#### BEST WORKER IN KOREA -- Minju Ch'ongyon, 26 May 49

Comrade Kim Bong-do, of the Sariwon Textile Mill has been rated as the most efficient worker of Korea when he accomplished the unprecedented production quota for May of 377 percent. He was a two-machine operator as early as May 1946, when workers of that skill were not very numerous in Korea. He became a four-machine operator in May 1948, and in September that year, became the first six-machine operator in Korea.

In addition to his brilliant accomplishment, he trained 5 skilled workers during May. He is indeed the most efficient worker of Sariwon Textile Mill and is indispensable for the Two-Year Economic Program of North Korea.

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